



NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education Report

December 2015

Highlights of the State Board of Education meeting

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AQuESTT:

Accountability for a Quality Education System, Today and Tomorrow

The first-ever results under the state's new accountability system, AQuESTT, were released to the public during the State Board of Education meeting in December. Under AQuESTT, more than half of all public schools were classified as excellent or great. In addition, the State Board approved a recommendation designating three schools from those classified as needing support to improve.

See the news release and AQuESTT Classification reports at:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/>

See [News conference power point](#)

See [Priority School Recommendation](#)

STATE BOARD: STRATEGIC PLANNING

After considering additional information, the State Board is expected to select in January one of four vendors to facilitate its strategic planning process. The following four vendors presented at the December meeting:

See [Education First Power Point](#)

See [FSG Power Point](#)

See [Parthenon Presentation](#)

See [Public Works Presentation](#)

RULE 51: SPECIAL EDUCATION

The State Board of Education adopted revisions to Rule 51, which sets regulations and standards for special education programs.

See [Rule 51 Rationale](#)

See [Rule 51 Hearing Draft](#)

See [Rule 51 Hearing Officer Report](#)

See [Rule 51 Errata Sheet](#)

RULE 82: DIPLOMA OF HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY ASSISTANCE

The State Board adopted Rule 82 revisions to allow funds to be distributed to entities other than institutions to defray costs associated with their participation.

See [Rule 82 Rationale](#)

See [Rule 82 Hearing Draft](#)

See [Rule 82 Hearing Officer Summary](#)

NEBRASKA VR: INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY INCLUSION

The State Board approved a contract with the Institute for Community Inclusion for the evaluation of a Nebraska VR project, the Career Pathways Advancement Project. As required under the 5-year federal grant funding the project, VR will partner with ICI in the evaluation that could include recommendations for modifications and the possible expansion of the project.

See [Rationale](#)

RULE 24: CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENTS

A public hearing has been scheduled for Jan. 5, 2016, at 10:30 a.m., on Rule 24 revisions that would change certain certificate endorsement requirements.

See [Rule 24](#)

For detailed information about the work session or business meeting, visit

<http://www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard/Agendas.html> .

The State Board of Education will meet January 7-8, 2016.

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